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SUBJECT: GDR THREAT TO TRANSIT TRAFFIC BECOMES PUBLIC
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1. AFTER NEARLY THREE WEEKS OF PUBLIC SILENCE, THE
GDR (NIE) THREAT TO GAUS OF RETALIATION ALONG TRANSIT
ROUTES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (REFTEL) HAS APPEARED IN FRG PRESS
FEB 9-11. MOST NEWSPAPER REPORTS EITHER QUOTED OR WERE
BASED ON A FEB 9 DPA REPORT, DATED BERLIN. IN
REVEALING THE GDR THREAT, IT ALSO DRAWS THE LINK BETWEEN
THE THREAT AND ALLIED APPROACHES TO SOVIETS IN CAPITALS.

2. TEXT OF DPA REPORT FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

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ON ACCOUNT OF A GDR THREAT TO EXCLUDE EMPLOYEES OF THE

NEW FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN FROM USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES, THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES MADE A COMPLAINT TO THE SOVIET UNION. AS WAS REVEALED ON SATURDAY (FEB 9) IN WEST BERLIN, THE THREE WESTERN POWERS STRESSED TO THE SOVIETS IN THEIR CAPITALS THAT THE SMOOTH FLOW OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE FRG MUST NOT BE INTERRUPTED AND THAT THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN GROUPS OF PERSONS WOULD REPRESENT A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE QA. THE THREAT OF THE GDR AGAINST THE EMPLOYEES OF THE FEA WAS MADE BY ACTING GDR FONMIN NIER IN ONE OF HIS MOST RECENT TALKS WITH CHANCELLERY STATE SECRETARY GAUS. NIER, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, PROTESTED AGAINST THE FRG DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE FEA IN WEST BERLIN AND STATED THAT THIS OFFICE REPRESENTED A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE QA WHICH WOULD NOT REMAIN WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. IT WAS FURTHER REVEALED THAT THE INCIDENT HAD LED TO ILL FEELINGS BETWEEN BONN AND THE BERLIN SENAT BECAUSE GAUS HAD NOT INFORMED THE SENAT ABOUT NIER'S THREAT. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE SENAT FIRST LEARNED OF THE INCIDENT FROM THE ALLIES. END TEXT.

3. MANY FRG NEWSPAPERS ALSO GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SED PARTY CHIEF HONECKER'S STATEMENTS OVER THE WEEKEND ACCUSING FRG OF VIOLATING QA BY ESTABLISHING FEA IN BERLIN. AT HIS FEB 11 PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR SAID "ON QUESTION OF FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN (WEST) THE FOUR POWERS SET DOWN THEIR VIEWS IN THEIR AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971." VON WECHMAR REFUSED TO ENGAGE IN "POLEMICS" WITH HONECKER ON ESSENTIALLY FOUR POWER MATTERS.

4. VON WECHMAR WAS ASKED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT DPA (PARA 2 ABOVE) AND OTHER ACCOUNTS (NOTABLY FEB 9 IN DIE WELT) OF GDR THREATS AGAINST ACCESS RIGHTS OF FEA EMPLOYEES. AS GAUS HAD DONE IN A FEB 9 TV INTERVIEW, VON WECHMAR REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT. HE SAID THE FEA DID NOT YET IN FACT EXIST (IT WAS ONLY IN THE FORM OF DRAFT LEGISLATION). VON WECHMAR ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FEA "CERTAIN POINTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFERING OPINIONS BETWEEN THE THREE WESTERN POWERS AND THE FOURTH POWER." THE FRG, HE CONCLUDED, SHARES THE OPINION OF THE WESTERN ALLIES.
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